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Council that works to coordinate services for children with disabilities to meet March 30

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Interagency Coordinating Council that advises the North Dakota Department of Human Services on early intervention services for young children with disabilities is meeting Thursday, March 30, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. CDT, by statewide video conference system. The meeting will originate in the Prairie and Rose Room of the department's Prairie Hills Plaza location at 1237 W. Divide Ave., Suite 1A, in Bismarck.

New business includes an overview of the response from providers about the family survey, discussion on the upcoming federal fiscal year survey and the Experienced Parent program, and an overview of the GRADS 360 reporting system.

Members will discuss North Dakota's Part C Budget, the <u>2017 Part C application</u> that is available now for review and public comment, and 2017 legislative session developments. The agenda also includes updates on annual performance report data, levels of determination for services, tools for measuring a child's individual progress, technical assistance opportunities, and other issues.

Members will also participate in training on open meeting requirements and will receive standing committee reports, including an update on the state systemic improvement plan. There will be an opportunity for public comment.

The full meeting agenda and video conference location details are available online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Individuals who need assistance to participate in the meeting or who would like more information can contact the department's Developmental Disabilities Division at 701-328-8930, toll-free 800-755-8529, Relay ND TTY 800-366-6888, or cperkins@nd.gov.

Interagency Coordinating Council information is available online at www.nd.gov/dhs/services/disabilities/earlyintervention/ndicc/ndicc-index.html.